

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on December 15, 2005
at 10:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Kima Rosling, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 2, 12/15/2005
Executive Action: HB 2

00:00:00__

HEARING ON HB 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. VERDELL JACKSON (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 2, Expand duties of state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:00 Tammy Rau, Deputy Director, Teachers Retirement Fund

EXHIBIT(sts02a01)

00:08:51 Tom Altmeyer, Montana Retired Educators Association

00:10:02 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employee Retirement
Administration

00:13:32 Janet Kelly, Director, Department of Administration

EXHIBIT(sts02a02)

00:15:34 Joy Brook, AARP

EXHIBIT(sts02a03)

00:17:08 Melanie Simmons, Legal Counsel for Montana Public
Employees' Retirement Board

EXHIBIT(sts02a04)

00:21:02 Tom Bilodeau, Montana Education Association-Montana
Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:00 SEN. JIM SHOCKLEY for REP. VERDELL JACKSON to address
lines 9-24 (House third reading copy).

00:28:12 **SEN. SHOCKLEY** for **REP. JACKSON** to delete lines 9-24 of HB 2 (House third reading copy).

00:30:27 **SEN. SHOCKLEY** for **REP. JACKSON** with regards to \$5,000.00 being enough money(Section 2. Appropriation).

00:31:31 **SEN. BALLYEAT** for **REP. JACKSON** questioned whether the Legislative Audit Committee would be a better committee to replace the State Administration Committee.

00:35:35 **SEN. COCCHIARELLA** for **Tom Schneider** with regards to 3 problems that caused problems with CPERS.

00:39:36 **SEN. ESSMANN** for **REP. JACKSON** with regards to the unfunded liability issue.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:02 **REP. JACKSON** closed.

00:46:38 **SEN. TASH** comments on the challenge of learning this issue.

00:47:56 **CHAIRWOMAN SQUIRES** comments on the importance of House and Senate State Administration committee members serving on the State Administration/Veterans' Affairs(SAVA)committee.

00:49:14 **SEN. COCCHIARELLA** commented that the law already encourages this.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2

Motion: **SEN. SHOCKLEY** moved that HB 2 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion: **SEN. SHOCKLEY** for Dave Boyer with regards to administrating the bill.

00:53:42 **SEN. SHOCKLEY** addresses the bill and questions **SEN. TROPILA** and **SEN. COCCHIARELLA** about the extensive reporting and administration of the bill.

00:57:54 Dave Boyer, Legislative Services Division.

01:03:05 **SEN. COCCHIARELLA**.

- 01:03:46 SEN. BALLYEAT for Dave Boyer with regards to whether or not all bills must be reviewed.
- 01:06:33 SEN. SHOCKLEY discussed the administration of the bill then asked to withdraw his motion.
- 01:08:30 CHAIRWOMAN SQUIRES asked Tom Schneider to summerize a letter that better explained how the situation occurred.
- 01:12:10 Motion/Vote: SEN. SHOCKLEY moved that HB 2 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with SEN. LAIBLE voting no. SEN. LIABLE, SEN. BALLYEAT, SEN. GALLUS, SEN. COONEY, and SEN. ELLINGSON voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:03 A.M.

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

Kima Rosling, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sts02aad0.PDF](#))